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TAGS : PINT, SHUM, TW
SUBJECT : PRESS RELEASE ON CH'EN CHU

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION
OF TEXT OF JUNE 26 GARRISON COMMAND PRESS RELEASE FOR
LOCAL CONSUMPTION ON CH'EN CHU WHICH WAS PRINTED JUNE 27
IN ALL CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS. (ENGLISH
LANGUAGE CHINA POST CARRIED LESS COMPLETE ACCOUNT).

2. BEGIN TEXT. MAJOR GENERAL TUAN CHIA-FENG (3008/
1367/6912), SPOKESMAN OF THE TAIWAN GARRISON GENERAL
HEADQUARTERS, SAID YESTERDAY "THE TAIPEI POLICE, WHEN
MAKING A ROUTINE CENSUS CHECK ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 15
FOUND THAT MANY OF THE OCCUPANTS OF LANE 7, CHINGTIEN
STREET, HAD NOT MADE THE HOUSEHOLD REGISTRATION AND
FOR THIS REASON THE POLICE, ACCOMPANIED BY LI CHIEF
(BLOCK WARDEN) MADE A HOUSE-BY-HOUSE CHECK. WHEN
THEY GOT TO MISS CH'EN CHU'S RESIDENCE THEY FOUND
A LIST OF EX-CONVICTS WHO WERE CHARGED WITH SEDITIONARY
ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEARS, AND UNLAWFUL
REACTIONARY DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS IN HER HOUSE. AFTER THE
POLICE CHECKED ALL THE DOCUMENTS AND BROUGHT THEM BACK
TO THE POLICE BUREAU, MISS CH'EN WROTE DOWN HER ADDRESS
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AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON CHANGAN EAST ROAD, HANDED IT
TO THE CENSUS CHECK PERSONNEL, AND PROMISED THAT SHE
COULD BE REACHED AT ANY TIME. HOWEVER, THE NEXT DAY
MISS CH'EN WAS MISSING AND COULD NOT BE REACHED. THERE-
FORE THE POLICE BUREAU SENT THE SEIZED UNLAWFUL REACTION-
ARY DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS TO THE TAIWAN GARRISON GENERAL
HEADQUARTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

AFTER TAKING OVER THE CASE, THE TAIWAN GARRISON GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FOUND AND BROUGHT MISS CH'EN TO THE HEADQUARTERS ON JUNE 23 AND THE CASE IS NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION. END TEXT.

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4. COMMENT: THE LOCAL GARRISON COMMAND ACCOUNT REPRESENTS A TRANSPARENT ATTEMPT TO IMPLY THAT THE RAID ON CH'EN CHU'S APARTMENT WAS COINCIDENTAL TO A ROUTINE CENSUS CHECK, AND WILL NOT BE BELIEVED BY MANY HERE. THE GARRISON COMMAND DECISION TO RELEASE ANY INFORMATION (PERHAPS PROMPTED BY MOFA AND IN RESPONSE TO OUR INTEREST) IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL, AND IN ITSELF MAY BE AN INDICATION THAT THE GROC WILL ACT CAUTIOUSLY IN HANDLING THIS CASE. UNGER

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